



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON
106th DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
SALEM, OREGON
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025**

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips called the Department Convention meeting to order at 8:30 am according to ritual and due form.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, I thank Master of Ceremony, Fred Broadwater and PDP Cheryl Park, for the good work accomplished in last night's Opening Ceremony. I also thank Sgts at Arms Ward Allen and Bob Soria and Tom Harris for their assistance as well. And, to Dept Chaplain Betty Fish-Ferguson, as well as ALA Dept Chaplain Lori Vallery and SAL Detachment Chaplain Chuck Zeitler, their leadership given toward the Memorial Service - thank you, well done!"

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips called upon Acting Adjutant Maria Tye to perform Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips
Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler
Department 2nd Vice Commander Fred Broadwater
Department Finance Officer Don Bond
Department Chaplain Betty Fish-Ferguson
Department Judge Advocate Don Weber
Department Service Officer Ed Van Dyke
1st District Commander Wendy Berger-Wood
2nd District Commander Mike Speer
5th District Commander Allan Alderman
6th District Commander Randy Tye
9th District Commander Eric Stallings
10th District Commander Robert Hornbeck
Department Sgt-at-Arms Ward Allan
Asst. Department Sgt-at-Arms Bob Soria

Absent

Immediate Past Commander Cory Brockmann (Unexcused)
National Executive Committeeman Kevin Owens (Unexcused)
3rd District Commander Steve Adams (Excused)

3rd District Commander Jerry Patton (Excused)
4th District Commander Tim Sakraida (Excused)
8th District Commander Timothy Troupe (Absent)

Vacant

Department Adjutant
Alternate National Executive Committeeman
Department Historian
7th District Commander
Department Assistant Sgt-at-Arms

ROLL CALL OF LIVING PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Present

Robert Liebenow
Charlie Schmidt
Bob Huff
Tom Harris
Don Weber

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, please stand and be recognized:

Past National Aide **Don Weber** and Past National Aide **Dirk Levy**;
Past National Sgt at Arms **Kevin Owens**;
Past National Vice Commander **Robert Liebenow** and,
Past National Commander **Charles Schmidt**.

And, with us, I would like to welcome **Special Guest**: National Candidate for 2026-2027 **Jay Bowen** from the Department of Colorado...thank you for joining us... You will hear more from him later. Let's give him a warm welcome."

CONVENTION STANDING RULES

Department Convention Standing Rules were read by Department Judge Advocate Don Weber. No Convention Rules were read.

REMARKS

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, All Convention Committee meetings must be held by the close of Thursday's session. Please check your time. (Committee assignments posted at Convention Center Lobby, at Registration and at Headquarters Hotel Lobby). Reports will be given on Friday.

REPORTS

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, I would like to take this time to talk about my Commander's Project. I will give my final report on Saturday. Special thank you letter from a student was read.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Credentials Committee Bob Huff.

PDC Bob Huff, 1st reading of Credentials Committee. We have a caucus and election.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Americanism Mike Speer, gives report.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Finance Officer, Don Bond

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, National Security, Greg Marvin

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Children & Youth, Betty Fish-Ferguson

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, VA&R and VE&E, Bob Huff

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Legislative, Tim Cowen

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Public Relations, Maria Tye

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Committee on Committees Announcements

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Legislative Priorities at National, Charles Schmidt

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Washington DC, Pay the Coast Guard, Don Weber Judge Advocate, Renee Ohler 1st Vice Commander, Alan Alderman District 5 Commander, Eric Stallings District 9 Commander and Greg Marvin National Security Commission Chair

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Recess until 2 pm

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Visitor in the house Bob Clark NEC from Washington

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Internal Affairs Committee, Richard Ramey
Reading Resolutions in full

2025-001 Committee Chairman Delegates Have Power to Vote

2025-002 Districts File Meeting Minutes at Department

2025-003 Removes Requirement for publication of proposed amendments on Facebook

2025-004 Adds Policy Committee

2025-005 Changes Constitution and Bylaws, Appendix A, Standing Rule 9 to Reports Sent to Department
Adjutant

2025-006 Adds Parliamentary Authority

2025-007 Adds Department Executive Committee (DEC) Resolutions 45-Day Advance Submission

2025-008 Add language to The Department Constitution and By-Laws Article VII Convention Rules to clarify the responsibilities of the Resolution Committee

2025-009 Remove language from The Department Constitution and By-Laws Standing Commission to clarify Resolution "Assignment" Committee

2025-010 Adds The Oregon American Legion Foundation

2025-011 Removes Permanent from Department Finance Commission

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Recess Friday June 20, 2025

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Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, I would like to welcome **Special Guest:** National Candidate for 2026-2027 **Jay Bowen**

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Americanism Committee, Mike Speer

Awards 15-100 Mt Angel Post 89

Awards 101-500 Carlton Memorial Post 173

Awards 501+ Tigard Post 158

Scouting

Cub Scout Hillsboro Post 6

Older Scouts Forest Grove Post 2

Bay Area Post 34

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Children and Youth, Betty Fish-Ferguson

Awards 15-100 Travis Moothart Post 184

Awards 101-200 Carlton Memorial Post 173

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Public Relations, Maria Tye

15-150 Post Newsletter: Santa Clara Post 83

500+ Post Newsletter: Tigard Post 158

15-51 Public Relations: Tillamook Post 47

51-100 Public Relations: Hillsboro Post 6

101-200 Public Relations: McMinnville Post 21

201+ Public Relations: Milwaukie Post 180

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Welcome the American Legion Auxiliary with Poppy Hat Parade

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Rehabilitation Committee, Bob Huff

Awards Small Post Glenn Morrison Post 70

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Finance Committee, Richard Ramey

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Legislative, Tim Cowen

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Membership and Post Activities Report, Renee Ohler

Awards Honor Ribbons

Post 173 Carlton Memorial, 100% Goal, 100% Family

Post 56 Sheridan

Post 50 Williams, 100% Goal. 100% Family

Goal Post 100%

Post 42 JH Wellington

Post 119 Vernonia

Post 17 Kaiser

Post 3 Eugene

Post 83 Santa Clara Eugene

Post 70 Glenn Morrison

Post 192 White City

Post 24 Milton Freewater

Post 37 Hermiston

Post 34 Bay Area

Post 77 Ellis Tracy

Post 79 Nyssa

Post 96 Vale

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Constitution and Bylaws Internal Affairs, Richard Ramey

Resolutions

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Community Service Awards 15-100	Post 184 Travis Moothart
Community Service Award 101-250	Post 173 Carlton Memorial
Community Service Award 251-500	Post 158 Tigard
Blood Donor Award 101-250	Post 173 Carlton Memorial
Honor Guard Award 251-500	Post 180 Milwaukie

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Resolutions Committee, Tim Troupe

S-25-02 City of Salem	Passed
S-25-03 Hotel	Passed
S-25-04 Detachment Commander	Passed
S-25-15 Department President	Passed
S-25-16 Post 149, Post 136, Post 17	Passed
S-25-17 Chief of Police	Failed
S-25-18 Chief of Fire	Failed
S-25-20 Dannielle Gonzales	Passed

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Convention Committee, Susan Hughes

2025-2026 Chinook Winds, Lincoln City Tigard and Lincoln City, Last week of June
 2026-2027 Milwaukie Post Hosting
 2027-2028 Wild Horse Casino

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, we will table until after lunch

Passed

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, In recess until 14:00

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Department President Cindy Soria

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Convention Committee, Susan Hughes

Make a motion to 2025-2026 Chinook Winds, Lincoln City Tigard and Lincoln City, Last week of June Passed

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Resolutions Committee, Tim Troupe

S-25-17 Convention Center	Passed
S-25-18 Mayor	Passed
S-25-19 Adjutant General	Passed

25-21 Endorsement for Dan Burke for Western Caucus Failed
25-22 Endorsement for Tom Harris for Western Caucus Passed

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Chair of Western Caucus, Charlie Schmidt

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, National Security, Greg Marvin

Award Blood Donor	Post 173 Carlton Memorial
	Post 61 Tri County
	Post 65 Wilsonville
Ritual Team Award	Post 180 Milwaukie
Color Guard	Post 180 Milwaukie

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Back to God Award, Betty Fish-Ferguson

Post 180 Milwaukie

Chaplain of the Year Jerry Craig from Milwaukie Post 180

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Boys State, Fred Broadwater

Post 34 Bay Area

Department 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler, Any more Awards?

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Any more Awards? I recognize Rob Liebenow from Detachment of Oregon. He introduces the new Detachment Commander Jerry Patton.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Credentials, Bob Huff

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, History Books, Will look for missing ones

Post 61 Tri Counties

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Nominations, Recess

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Credentials, Bob Huff

64 Posts paid Delegate Fees. We have a quorum.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Nominations for Department Commander

Department Commander, Walt Fulcher Post 173 Nominates Renee Ohler
Second, Richard Ramey

Elected

Maria Tye cast single vote of acclamation

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Nominations, 1st Vice Commander

1st Vice Commander, Ray Kelly Post 136 Nominates Fred Broadwater

Second, ??? Elected

Maria Tye cast single vote of acclamation

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Nominations, 2nd Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander, Steve Shollenburg Post 57 Nominates Mike Speer

Second, Wendy Berger-Wood Post 158 Elected

Maria Tye cast single vote of acclamation

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Nominations for Department Finance Officer

Department Finance Office, Tim Troupe Post 5 Nominates Don Bond

Second, Bob Huff Elected

Maria Tye cast single vote of acclamation

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Nominations for NECman

NECman, Dave???? Post 104 Nominates Don Weber

Second, Fred Broadwater Post 17 Elected

Maria Tye cast single vote of acclamation

Don Weber gives speech as new NECman.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Nominations for Alternate NECman

Alternate NECman, Dan Evers Post 46 Nominates Betty Fish-Ferguson

Second, Greg Marvin Post 49 Elected

Maria Tye cast single vote of acclamation

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, National Delegates

Betty Fish-Ferguson 149, Carole Bova-Rice 149, Bob Huff 192, S. Flynn Phillips 74, Tom Harris 119, Rob Liebenow 6, Renee Ohler 75, Charlie Schmidt 63, Mike Surrent, Don Weber 104, Ward Allen 180, Alan Alderman 29, Jim Jerome 106.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Nominations to National List is approved.

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Recess until Saturday after Installation.

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Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, reconvening of Convention after Installation.

Richard Ramey for Internal Affairs and for Resolutions Committee

Resolution	S-25-17 Convention Center	Passed
	S-25-18 Mayor Julie Hoy	Passed
	S-25-19 Adjutant General	Passed

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Legislative Tim Cowen

Tim Cowen, Legislative Report

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, Exchange of Banner

Richard Ramey for Internal Affairs, Move to close 106th Annual convention

Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips, 106th Convention Closed

TIME AND PLACE

Department Commander Renee Ohler, the next Department Executive Committee meeting will be held on Saturday here at 1:30 PM

Vacant, Department Adjutant

S. Flynn Phillips, Department Commander

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Approved:

ADDENDUM 1 Roll Call

ADDENDUM 2

ADDENDUM 3

ADDENDUM 4

ADDENDUM 5